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By the Commiſſioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of England, *&c.*

RULES and DIRECTIONS

Appointed to be obſerved, in Order to the returning to their Majeſties Service, ſuch Men as ſhall be put on Shore, Sick or Hurt, from their Majeſties Ships.

I. THat when any Men ſhall be put on Shore Sick or Wounded from any of their Majeſties Ships, their Clothes and Bedding be ſent along with them, for their Relief in their Sickneſs, and preventing their being wholly loſt to the Men, which oftentimes happens when they are left behind them on board the Ships.

II. That the Commiſſioners for Sick and Wounded Seamen do carefully obſerve their Inſtructions, which directs them to take care, as ſoon as any Men ſent Sick or Hurt from the Fleet ſhall be recovered of their Sickneſs or Wounds, they do forthwith return them to their reſpective Ships, or on board ſome other Man of War then in the Road or Harbour, until they meet with the Ship unto which they belong; Or if none of their Majeſties Ships or Veſſels be there, that then they give ſuch recovered Men, capable of returning into the Service, Conduct-money to the next Poſt where their own, or any other of their Majeſties Ships or Veſſels are.

III. That

III. That in regard it ſometimes happens there are none of their Majeſties Ships or Veſſels at the Ports where the Sick and Hurt Men are, to receive them as they recover, and inſtead of going to ſome other Port to find conveyance to their Ships, They do deſert the Service, and that at other times the Commanders of their Majeſties Ships and Veſſels do refuſe to receive them. All Commanders of their Majeſties Ships and Veſſels are directed as they come to any Port, to take in ſuch Men as ſhall be ſent on Board them by the Agent for the Sick and Wounded in that Port, and to put them on Board the Ships they belong to as they ſhall meet with them; And that when the Fleet ſhall be abroad, ſome Frigats or Tenders be frequently ſent to the Ports of moſt Note, to fetch off the Sick and Hurt Men as they recover.

IV. That the Commander of their Majeſties Ships do put a Query on the Ships Book, againſt each Man's Name that ſhall be ſet on Shore Sick or Hurt for the ſtopping of their Wages, until they ſhall return to their own, or bring Certificates of their Entry on Board ſome other of their Majeſties Ships, of which they are to acquaint the Seamen, by ſetting up a Notification thereof in ſome publique place in each Ship. And to the end each Commander may know how his Sick and Hurt Men are diſpoſed of, and be thereby inabled to do Right both to their Majeſties and them, that a Correſpondence be held between all the Commanders of their Majeſties Ships, and the Commiſſioners for Sick and Wounded Seamen concerning the ſame, which Commiſſioners having Monthly Accounts from their Agents at every Port, of the Men put on Shore, are to cauſe a Column to be added thereto of the circumſtances of every man; and from thence to Collect, and from time to time give an Account to the Commander of each Ship, which of his men are Dead or Run, which are continued in Quarters, which are Diſcharged, and how they are diſpoſed of, for his information therein.

V. And

V. And for making this method more eaſie to the Commanders of their Majeſties Ships; When any man is put on Shore Sick or Hurt, the Number on the Ships Book in which he ſtands is to be noted on his Ticket ſent with him to the Officer on Shore, who takes care of the Sick and Wounded; And the ſaid Officer is to do the like in the Liſts he ſhall return to the Commiſſioners for the Sick and Wounded, and they to inſert the ſame in the Liſts which they are to tranſmit to the reſpective Commanders. Dated at the Admiralty Office this Twenty third Day of *March*, $16\frac{90}{91}$.

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